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1. Fortifications and Roads

- (a) A large number of German ex-PWs, including engineer, signal, air force, tank, and medical officers, are at present in Albania under the command of Soviet Army officers. They are employed by the Albanian authorities as instructors to the new Albanian Army and on the construction of fortifications along the Greek frontier.
- (b) Among other tasks in 1946, a party of six or seven German engineer officers took charge of Albanian Youth labor detachments which were constructing strategic roads in the Scutari-Kukes district, which is allegedly to become the center of Albania's war industry.
- (c) Another "volunteer" labor detachment run by German ex-PW officers is building three new bridges in the Koritsa (Korcë) area.

2. Ports

- (a) "Volunteer brigades" will shortly be employed, together with German ex-PWs and a number of former Italian prisoners, in modernizing small fishing ports in the neighborhood of Corfu.
- (b) The special mission of the Albanian Ministry of Communications under Major General Semal Ylli (brother of the Albanian Minister in Paris) has already completed, under the direction of Soviet specialists and with German help, the modernizing of some twenty small ports, including Sarandë (Santi Quaranta), Lukovë, and Paljasa. These ports are reportedly being used to smuggle terrorists and sabotage equipment into Greece.

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